
DECEMBER 6, 1805.

Read the first and second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Monday next.

A Bill,

Prohibiting, for a limited time, the Exportation of Arms and Ammunition from the United States.



1 Sec. 1. *BE it enacted, by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That it
3 shall not be lawful to export from the United States, any cannon,
4 muskets, pistols, bayonets, swords, cutlasses, musket-balls, lead,
5 bombs, grenados, gun-powder, sulphur, or salt-petre; but the
6 exportation of all the aforesaid articles is hereby prohibited until

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1 Sec. 2. ~~*And be it further enacted,*~~ That any of the aforesaid articles,
2 excepting such of them as may constitute a part of the equipment
3 of any vessel which, during the continuance of this prohibition,
4 shall be found on board of any vessel in any river, port, bay, or
5 harbour, within the territory of the United States, put on board
6 with an intent to be exported from the United States, shall be for-
7 feited; and in case the value thereof shall amount to

8 dollars, the vessel on board of which the same shall be seized, together with her tackle, apparel and furniture, shall also be forfeited: *Provided nevertheless*, That nothing in this act shall be construed to prohibit the removal or transportation of any of the articles aforesaid from one port to another port within the United States, in any vessel having a licence as a coasting vessel, the master, agent or owner of which shall have given bond with one or more sufficient sureties, to the collector of the district from which such vessel is about to depart, in a sum double the value of such vessel and of such of the said articles as may be laden on board her, that the said articles shall be re-landed and delivered in some port of the United States; or to prevent the exportation of any of the above articles on public account, under the direction of the President of the United States.

1 Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That if any of the articles aforesaid, shall, contrary to the prohibitions of this act, be exported from the United States, the vessel in which the same shall have been exported, together with her tackle, apparel and furniture, shall be forfeited; and the captain or master of such vessel, knowingly offending in the premises, shall be liable to indictment, and upon conviction, shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding

8 dollars; which shall be distributed in like

9 manner as is hereinafter provided, as to other forfeitures incurred

10 under this act.

1 Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the

2 custom-house officers, and of all persons employed in the collection of

3 the revenue, to attend to the execution of this law, and all forfeitures
4 and penalties incurred under it and not otherwise directed to be pro-
5 secuted and recovered, shall be sued for, prosecuted, adjudged and
6 distributed in like manner as is provided in the act, entitled " An act
7 to provide more effectually for the collection of the duties imposed
8 by law on goods, wares and merchandize imported into the United
9 States, and on the tonnage of ships and vessels."